

Close Thursday Afternoon.

Quite a number of Owosso merchants have signed an agreement to close their stores Thursday afternoons during August.

Want Sunday Concerts.

Plans are being made which it is hoped will result in the giving of band concerts at McCurdy park on Sunday afternoons by the new Cornua band which is made up of twenty members from Owosso and Cornua. The Michigan United Railway Company will be asked to pay part of the expense.

Diekema at Elsie and Ovid.

Hon. G. J. Diekema will tour Clinton county in the interest of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for governor on Saturday afternoon of this week. He will be at Elsie at 1:30 and Ovid at 4:30 o'clock. Fairfield and Middlebury township people are invited to hear Mr. Diekema.

Pay to D. & M. Only.

Commissioner Hanscom has decided to pave Washington street from the bridge to the Grand Trunk tracks only this year. The shortage of labor for this kind of work, particularly at this time of the year, and the high cost of materials makes it seem wise to wait until next year to pave south of the tracks.

Perry Couple Injured in Auto Accident.

Perry, July 25.—While Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Comer were driving to Pinckney, Sunday, their car was turned completely over, damaging the car to a great extent. Both bones in Mrs. Comer's left arm were broken. Mr. Comer's ankle was badly bruised. Mrs. Comer complained of her hip. It is not known how badly she is injured. She is still at Pinckney.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

On Sunday afternoon next at 8 o'clock, Rev. H. A. Waite, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, will address a meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New Haven township to be held at the home of Wm. Smith, a mile and three-quarters east of the Free Methodist church. A large attendance is requested and assurance is given that the talk of Rev. Waite will be well worth hearing.

Labor Day Celebration at Durand.

Durand is in early and announces that Labor Day will be properly celebrated at the "Hub" and that all central Michigan is invited to join in making the event a great one. The Business Men's Association, with A. B. Freeman at the head, has the finance cared for and the program of the day well arranged. The Express announces that a complete program of sports will be given.

Refuses Parents Request.

Judge Miner in the circuit court, Monday, dismissed the habeas corpus action brought by Charles Snook of Shiawassee township, against Loyal M. Wallace and wife of Owosso, refusing to order the return of Snook's seven-year-old daughter which the Wallaces have had the care of for five years. A hearing in the case last week lasted three days and satisfied the Judge that the child would be better cared for at the Wallace home.

Machinery Company Incorporated.

The Standard Machinery Co., a new Owosso corporation, was incorporated at Lansing, Saturday, for \$20,000. The concern's stockholders are E. W. Brown, J. W. Radford and Joseph C. Fetter, three Bay City men who recently came here and purchased the Castree Machine shop. The new concern is located in the building formerly occupied by the Castree company and is principally manufacturing cable conveyors and lathe mills and bolters.

More Horses for Owosso Races.

Owing to a re-adjustment of dates in the Michigan Short-ship circuit, made necessary because the new Mt. Clemens track was not built in time for their race meeting, which was to precede the Owosso dates, the Mt. Clemens dates have been transferred to Saginaw. This change will greatly help Owosso to get all the horses here as the ship will be very short and direct.

The Michigan Short-ship Circuit is the only circuit in the country that runs its own special horse palace cars from town to town and the class of racing in the circuit this summer has been very high class.

The Owosso races will also have an extra supplement in the runners and this branch promises to be better than ever, for horses are already promised from Canada, Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois.

The local track is naturally fast and never was as good as right now, and it is anticipated that some smart track records will be established.

ANOTHER NEW THEATRE

Fred Patterson Starts Erection of \$10,000 Structure.

Fred Patterson started operations Monday on the building of a theatre and store building on West Main street west of the National hotel. The structure will cost \$10,000 and will be 45x102 feet with two small stores and a 20 foot theatre entrance on Main street. The building will be two stories high with green, white and grey brick front. The theatre will be first-class in every particular and will be conducted as a moving picture house with occasional vaudeville acts.

Resignation of Captain J. O. Parker.

Announcement was made Wednesday by the military authorities at Camp Ferris that Dr. J. O. Parker had tendered his resignation as Captain of Co. H and that the same had been approved by the State officials and forwarded to Chicago to be acted upon by the U. S. army officials of the central department at Chicago. Dr. Parker stated that as his services did not seem to be needed for active duty that he could not afford to neglect his practice and for that reason asked to be relieved. Gen. Kirk and Col. Boucher have recommended J. H. Steck of this city, as the successor of Capt. Parker. Lieutenants Labman and Whitehouse having waived their right to promotion. Mr. Steck was formerly captain of an Iowa company and is greatly interested in military affairs. He spent Thursday at the camp, accepting an invitation from Gen. Kirk to come for a conference.

Seegmiller to Seek Congressional Honors.

Representatives of the six counties comprising the eighth congressional district were in the city Wednesday conferring with W. A. Seegmiller regarding the Democratic congressional situation and when the conference was completed Mr. Seegmiller consented to become a candidate. That he will be nominated at the primary without opposition goes without saying as there will be no one to contend with him for the empty honor of running against J. W. Fordney. While the callers were not all postmasters, the number was sufficiently large to make one think that it might be an adjourned meeting of the national association held in Washington last week when Mr. Seegmiller's candidacy was proposed. It is, however, no small honor to have the nomination thrust on one unsought and Mr. Seegmiller will make considerable of a personal sacrifice in accepting.

DEATH OF FRED J. NORTHWAY.

Long Suffering Ended at His Home in Durand.

Fred J. Northway, one of the well known attorneys of Shiawassee county, died at his home in Durand, Monday, after an illness of several months. Mr. Northway's condition had been critical for several weeks, and no hope had been held out for his recovery for some time. He submitted to an operation for gall stones several months ago, at the hands of the famous Doctors Mayo of Rochester, Minn., but was given only temporary relief.

Mr. Northway was born in Venice township, and was 50 years of age. He moved to Cornua with his parents when about five years old, and spent his boyhood days there, graduating from the high school, and later studied law in the offices of the late Judge Hugh McCurdy. After being admitted to the bar, he moved to Montgomery county, where, after a residence of only a few weeks, he was elected prosecuting attorney, serving one term, at the expiration of which he moved to Durand and had practiced there for the past 21 years.

Mr. Northway was a member of the Shiawassee County Bar association, of Cornua Commandery No. 21, Knights Templar, and of the Shrine, belonging to Moslem Temple, Detroit. He was also a member of the Elks, Odd Fellows, Maccabees and Woodmen.

Surviving are his widow and four children, Reginald, Eveleth, Emerson and Miss Wanda, all of Durand; one brother, A. H. Northway of Owosso, and a half sister, Mrs. Ella Calkins of Kalkaska.

The funeral was held at the home in Durand, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Waugh have returned from a visit at the home of their son, Shirley, in Detroit.

Rev. Kirby will conduct a service Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Pittsburg M. E. church.

Mrs. Gladys Jennings Scarlett, of Lansing, is a guest of her father, C. W. Jennings, West Main street.

KILLED BY ENGINE

John Miller, Ann Arbor Brakeman, Loses Life at Durand.

John Miller, aged 28 years, was killed by being struck by an engine in the Ann Arbor yards at Durand, Saturday night. He was working on a freight and after cars were left at Durand the train pulled out for Owosso and Miller was not missed until the train reached here. Word was sent to Durand and the body found out to pieces in the yards at Durand. It is not known which train killed Miller, but parts of his clothing were found on Engine No. 154 which followed the train Miller was working on.

Miller was unmarried and made his home at the boarding house of Mrs. Zella Cameron, East Comstock street. His parents live at Port Austin. A brother, Casmere, and one sister, Mrs. John Bozenski, of Saginaw, survive him. The remains were taken to Port Austin for burial.

Miller was a popular member of Owosso Aerie of Eagles, the Ben Hur order, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Ann Arbor Employees' Relief Association.

Rural Mail Service.

More than 75 per cent of the mail boxes on the routes from Owosso do not show properly the name of the owner or the number of the box. To enable the carriers and particularly the substitutes to give satisfactory service it is necessary that the name and the number show clearly at all times and to this end the post office department has directed that the regulations which require the same be enforced. It is but a small item of expense to do this and the patrons are requested to give the matter attention within the next month. Owing to the changes in the routes which have been made during the past year the boxes must all be re-numbered so that the numbers will come consecutively. New numbers will be assigned each box by the post office and the same will be delivered by the carriers within a few days. The rural service is one of the greatest branches of the postal service and patrons should cheerfully comply with this requirement.

Changes have been ordered to go into effect August 1st on rural routes 6 and 7, which will shorten the former and lengthen the latter. In the first case the change is made because of the poor condition of a portion of the roads and in the latter case to give service to several additional families and to give the carrier the benefit of better roads. Unless some other roads over which the carriers are compelled to drive are put in better shape it is not amiss to predict a further curtailment of the service. This is particularly true on rural route 8.

INDUSTRIAL LEADER DIES.

John Pitcairn, Also Prominent Swedenborgian, Expires.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 22.—John Pitcairn, widely known among Swedenborgians, and a wealthy manufacturer, died at his home at Bryn Athyn near here, today. He was 73 years old.

Mr. Pitcairn was the leader in the development of the Swedenborgian colony in Montgomery county, Pa. The church of the New Jerusalem, in course of construction at Bryn Athyn, is the gift of Mr. Pitcairn. It is to serve as the cathedral center for communicants of the Swedenborgian faith all over the world, and will cost about \$750,000.

A novel feature of the structure is the complete absence of machine made materials. Every part of the work is by hand, and there is no steel or iron in the building.

Mr. Pitcairn was identified with many western Pennsylvania industries.

Mr. Pitcairn was the principal stockholder of the Owosso Sugar Co.

PURCHASES CAR-

riage Factory.

Young Randolph Seed Company Becomes Owners.

The Owosso Carriage & Sleigh Co.'s big manufacturing plant was sold the past week by C. H. Sapp to the Young-Randolph Seed Co. which will use part of the building for their constantly increasing business and expect to rent parts of the plant to other concerns, holding it subject to sale for any big concern that can use the entire plant. The Seed Company is now occupying the second and third stories of the Detwiler store building on West Exchange street, and its own warehouse on Cornua avenue, but still was short of room, the business having increased wonderfully since the removal to this city from Alma two years ago.

Death of Mrs. James Palmer.

Mrs. James Palmer, aged 58, passed away Saturday at her home in Caledonia township, after an illness of several months with dropsy. Mrs. Palmer was formerly Miss Newell. She had made her home in Shiawassee county most of her life. She was a woman of kind, Christian nature, and was beloved by a host of friends and relatives. She leaves beside her husband, two brothers, Jack and Andrew Newell, and two sisters, Mrs. M. Sweetland of Caledonia township; and Mrs. Charles Lemunyon of Owosso. The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the home, Rev. T. B. McGee officiating.

Death of Miss Ethel Hall.

Miss Ethel Anna Hall, only daughter of L. C. Hall, passed away Wednesday morning at the family home on Michigan avenue, soon after being brought into the house from the train which ended a trip from Albuquerque, New Mexico, made in the hope that Miss Ethel might reach home before death overtook her. With her father and a trained nurse she started home Sunday and kept up until Lansing was reached, her strength giving out and she was just alive when carried into the home and after being placed in bed raised up and fell into her father's arms and expired.

Miss Hall was born in Owosso 28 years ago, attending the Owosso schools and later Wells College, where her health failed, symptoms of tuberculosis appearing, and she was at home for two years. She went west and grew rapidly better and was to have been married this fall. In May she suffered an attack of pleurisy, recovering from the disease, but so weakened that the tuberculosis again attacking her she failed rapidly. She did not allow her father to know of her condition and on his arrival there July 11 to make her a visit found her in bed in the care of a nurse and the physicians advised that she be brought home immediately.

Miss Hall was a charming and popular young lady, a good student, active in church and social life until her health failed, and her death is sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends.

She is survived by her father and one brother, L. C. Hall, Jr., of this city. Her mother died five years ago.

The funeral is to be held at the home this afternoon, Rev. B. G. Mattson of the Congregational church of this city, and Rev. C. H. Hanks of Calumet, officiating.

Recall Militia from the Border Says Townsend.

Washington July 24.—The militia should be returned from the border at once, Senator Charles E. Townsend of Michigan declared in the Senate today. The senator argued that the men are being kept there without any definite purpose and it was unfair to take men, willing to serve in event of real war from their work at home and maintain them in idleness.

"I feel very strongly on this question," he said. "I have received a great many letters from fathers and mothers of Michigan boys who have enlisted in the belief that they were really needed for service in Mexico. The men have been taken from their work in a northern climate and are being held at the border for no purpose as it seems to me. I believe they should be returned to their usual avocations and their schools."

"The soldiers from Michigan enlisted for Mexican service under false pretenses," said Senator Townsend, "for it is well known now that there never was any intent to send them into Mexico. This is proven by the correspondence between this country and Mexico."

"The soldiers from Michigan went to the border in the belief that they were needed for real service."

"Michigan soldiers are not complaining. I am not complaining in their behalf. They are ready to serve wherever and whenever they are needed by the government, but it would seem to me that, in service of this kind, troops from the states near the border, men who are acclimated to that climate, should be called into service in preference to the men from the great lake shores. This seems to me particularly true now, when it is made apparent by the Mexican correspondence that there never was any real purpose of sending the militia into Mexico."

Miss Virginia Miner has been assisting Coach Johnson and Principal Voelker at the public playgrounds of late and will probably take up playground work next summer. She expects to attend a school to prepare herself for this work next fall.

Mrs. Harding Weston of Detroit, is in the city for a short stay.

Expense of Drain Apportioned.

County Drain Commissioner Emil Hoetke yesterday received the decision of State Highway Commissioner Frank F. Rogers on the appeal made to him by Commissioner Roethke on the Lamb Creek drain. The decision made by the state highway commissioner following a hearing and close investigation of the situation between this county and Shiawassee county fixes the percentage of the cost of the drain to be paid by each county. His figures were 68 per cent for Saginaw and 32 per cent for Shiawassee. This decision is a gain of 7 per cent for Commissioner Roethke over the percentage which the Shiawassee commissioner would agree to stand. At a meeting held several months ago between the commissioners of the two counties, the Shiawassee county commissioner would agree to accept only 25 per cent of the cost of the drain. Commissioner Roethke refused to accept this division and immediately appealed to the state highway commissioner, whose opinion was received yesterday.

The Lamb Creek drain as proposed will follow a natural creek bottom and will be among the most costly drains of the county. It will be about 12 miles in length, with a 16 and 14 foot bottom and a depth of eight and nine feet. One of the most costly items of its construction will be the bridges, there being 15 on the drain. Five of these bridges will have to be newly constructed and the remaining ten, which are now on the creek, will have to be rebuilt and enlarged.

One of the unusual features of the situation is that the adjoining county will be taxed 32 per cent of the cost of the drain though only 30 rods of the drain will be in that county, and this 30 rods will require no bridges. The fact that a large part of the water to be taken care of by the drain will be Shiawassee county water and that Shiawassee county will no doubt construct other drains emptying into the Lamb Creek justifies the opinion of Commissioner Roethke and the decision of Commissioner Rogers.

The drain will begin in Fairfield township, Shiawassee county, with a 14 foot bottom and a depth of eight feet. For 30 rods it will traverse this township and Rush township in Shiawassee county before crossing the line into Saginaw county, where it will traverse Chapin, Brady and Brant townships, emptying into the South branch of the Bad river at a depth of nine feet and with a 16 foot bottom.

According to the state drain law there can be no appeal from the decision of the state highway commissioner by either county, leaving no hindrance to the immediate procedure with the drain. Commissioner Roethke began yesterday to get the necessary papers out so that the actual digging of the drain may be begun as soon as possible. —Saginaw Courier-Herald.

Apparently both the county drain commissioners interested are satisfied with the decision. Commissioner Griffin objected strongly to the proposed division of cost and while it is slightly higher than he thought it should be it is quite a decrease from the amount originally suggested as the sum to be charged against Shiawassee. Commissioner Griffin is always wide awake to the interest of the people he serves.

Road Districts Decided.

Cornua, July 24.—Members of the county road commission held two meetings Saturday as first hearings on orders of determination of the assessed districts of new roadway under the Covert act. The first meeting was in district No. 1, the district to be assessed for the construction of a road near Lennon. The property owners decided to pay the tax in three installments.

Those in the district of the new road through Shiawassee township, district No. 3, decided to pay the tax in two assessments.

Case Dismissed.

Judge Williams of Lapeer, who heard the case of Chloe Durham of Durand, against Henrietta Hovey and the Durand Hoop Co., recently, yesterday filed his decision. He dismisses the bill in chancery. The case will be appealed.

Suit was brought to stop the defendants from taking timber off a farm near Durand on which Mrs. Hovey had a life lease, but which would pass to Mrs. Dunham at the death of Mrs. Hovey.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Pond, of Flint, have just returned from a three weeks' trip to the Thousand Islands, Boston and Philadelphia. They arrived in Owosso yesterday after their little sons, William and Elwyn, Jr., who have been spending their vacation with their grandmother, Mrs. George McLaughlin, Exchange street.

PIONEER DAYS IN MICHIGAN

Letters of a Legislator in the Years When Michigan's Capital Was Being Moved.

The pioneer legislators who laid the political foundations of Michigan were an earnest lot of men, as contemporary documents show. One of these men was Sullivan R. Kelsey, who in 1847 was an Oakland county member of the Michigan legislature. While attending legislative sessions Mr. Kelsey lived in the old "Railroad Hotel" in Detroit, and later followed his fellow law-makers when the capital was removed to Lansing. Mr. Kelsey's letters to his wife, now in the possession of his daughter, Mrs. C. K. Lumber, of Bay City, and Mrs. Kelsey's replies, throw interesting sidelights on those faraway days of the beginnings of things. In a letter written in Detroit, in February, 1847, to Mrs. Kelsey, Mr. Kelsey says:

"This is a cold, stormy, gloomy February morning. I have not the courage or disposition to go out to church, so I have concluded to seat myself here and write to you once more. I have a double motive in so doing, one of which is that it always affords me pleasure to write to you, although I am aware that my letters are but dry and comparatively uninteresting. The other is that I hope in return to receive one from you which will in some degree have the tendency (as your kind letters always do) to dispel that kind of gloom which in spite of me will take possession of my mind when alone. * * * I must say that I have never felt so lonely as I have since you left here. The days seem like weeks. I know that you and our dear children are safe and if I could say contented and happy I ought to be content, but fate, somehow, orders otherwise."

"It is probable that I shall have to remain here 10 days or two weeks longer. The location of the capital is likely to consume much time yet. There is now an effort making in the senate to locate in Cornua or Owosso. My opinion remains unchanged. I think if it is removed from Detroit it will go to Lansing."

Mr. Kelsey's forecast was correct. Lansing became the capital city and the legislative session of 1850 found him in that town, then a very small place, of which he said in a letter to Mrs. Kelsey:

"Lansing is a dull town according to my notion. I should certainly get very homesick if my time was not fully engaged in business pertaining to my duties here. I assure you that it is only 40 days that I must remain here."

"Last evening the senate and house met jointly to discuss the question of restoring the death penalty for the crime of murder. We had some very able speakers both in favor and against and remained in session until a late hour. The bill for that object has not yet been reported to the house. When the matter comes up it is quite likely that it will occupy some considerable time as almost all the members will have something to say."

"We now have a bill pending for donating to Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, of Saginaw county, 640 acres of land. The reason therefor is that January 1 she gave birth to four healthy children, one son and three daughters."

Mrs. Kelsey wrote a letter in 1847 to her husband, which is still preserved, in which she said:

"Kate says she has not seen me look so happy in a long time as since we received a very polite call from Mr. Thompson this afternoon. The letter he gave me I think revived me as much probably as anything. * * * I had concluded that you must be seriously indisposed. * * * I am really happy to hear that they are to adjourn so soon. * * * Why did you not have the capital located at Byron? We ladies rather anticipated it would be. I think it took you a long time to settle the question. * * * The children are very anxious to see father."

Worn, yellow and old, the letters of the pioneer legislator and his wife reveal not only the topics of the time, but the spirit of the pioneers themselves, brave in privation and beginnings. And they breathe a domestic romance far more excellent than the pictures of the novelists of any time.

Withington-Schuknecht.

Cornua, July 26.—A pretty wedding was solemnized yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Withington of McNeal street, when their youngest daughter, Miss Christiana, became the bride of John C. Schuknecht of Detroit. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Beicht of the M. E. church and was witnessed by only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom.